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MEMORANDUM FOR CIVILIAN AND MILITARY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES ASSIGNED TO THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Authority and Standard for Seeking Reimbursement for Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) Support

References: (a) Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended

- (b) Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism (USA PATRIOT ACT) Act of 2001
- (c) Title III of the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense and for the Reconstruction of Iraq and Afghanistan, 2004
- (d) Deputy Secretary of Defense's statement of November 18,2003, pertaining to OSD support for the Coalition Provisional Authority
- (e) Verbal agreement between DoD IG and USD(C) of March 26, 2004, pertaining to GWOT reimbursements, confirmed in an April 7, 2004, e-mail

Purpose: This memorandum describes the authority and establishes the standard by which the Office of Inspector General (OIG) seeks reimbursement for operations in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

Statutory duty and other authorities: Section 8(c) of Reference (a) authorizes the Inspector General of the Department of Defense to "be the principal adviser to the Secretary of Defense for matters relating to the prevention and detection of fraud, waste, and abuse in the programs and operations of the Department," to "investigate fraud, waste, and abuse uncovered as a result of other contract and internal audits, as the Inspector General considers appropriate," and to "give particular regard to the activities of the internal audit, inspection, and investigative units of the military departments with a view toward avoiding duplication and insuring effective coordination and cooperation." Reference (b) strengthened existing laws to facilitate improved information sharing and cooperation in the GWOT (see Title V, "Removing Obstacles to Investigating Terrorism," and Title VII, "Increased Information Sharing for Critical Infrastructure Protection"). Reference (c) requires the Coalition Provisional Authority "Inspector General [to] coordinate with, and receive the cooperation of, the Inspector General of the Department of Defense." The Reference (d) verbal direction authorized and encouraged the Inspector General (and all of the OSD Senior Staff) to "send [our] best people to

CPA" (or words to that effect). The Reference (e) verbal agreement authorized and encouraged the Inspector General, notwithstanding the general policy to reimburse only "incremental" costs related to GWOT, to seek full reimbursement for all OIG costs directly associated with supporting GWOT, to include base salaries of OIG officers and employees who are directly supporting GWOT whenever such reimbursement is transparently justifiable based on the letter and spirit of references (a) through (c).

Policy: It is the policy of the Office of Inspector General that the Inspector General fulfills the letter and the spirit of his duties under Section 8(c) of Reference (a), and that those duties extend to support for "the internal audit, inspection, and investigative units of the" Coalition Provisional Authority and other GWOT participants, to include the Joint Terrorism Task Forces. In accordance with the Reference (e) agreement, the First Assistant shall prepare for the IG's signature, no later than the last day of each fiscal quarter, the reimbursement/reprogramming action and shall include a bulletized summary of OIG GWOT support in the quarterly status report Info Memo forwarded to the Secretary of Defense.

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Effective date: This policy memorandum is effective immediately.